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Application of: Pak Shing CHO et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

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TRANSMISSION IMPAIRMENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the Examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up copy of the amended text, showing added text, is attached hereto as Appendix A. Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification, under the heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS," with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of prior application no. 09/962,243, filed September 26, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of prior application no. 09/962,339, filed September 26, 2001, and claims the benefit of provisional application no. 60/234,930, filed September 26, 2000, and claims the benefit of provisional application no. 60/352,991, filed February 1, 2002.--

REMARKS

The "RELATED APPLICATIONS" section of the specification has been amended to state that the present application claims the benefit of provisional application no. 60/352,991, filed February 1, 2002. Priority to application no. 60/352,991 is also claimed on a Declaration, which is being concurrently submitted with a Response to Notice of Missing Parts.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission except for a fee for submission of the Response to Notice of Missing Parts, which fee is authorized thereby. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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Enclosure

Appendix A

Marked up copy of the paragraph to replace the "RELATED APPLICATIONS" section of the specification, with added text underlined.

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